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Westminster, May 7.

THIS Day His Majesty came to the House of Peers, and being in His Royal Robes seated on the Throne with the usual Solemnity, Sir Francis Molyneux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message from His Majesty to the House of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the House of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to

An Act for the better Support of His Majesty's Household, and of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown of Great Britain.

An Act for repairing and widening several Roads in the County of Dumfries; and for converting the Statute Labour within the said County into Money, and for applying the same towards repairing the Highways within the same County.

An Act for amending the Road from the South East End of the Town of Loughborough in the County of Leicester, to Derby Bridge, near The Rushes, and from the said Bridge to the South End of Cavendish Bridge in the same County.

And to Seventeen Private Bills.

Whitehall, May 10, 1777.

Extract of a Letter from the Honourable General Sir William Howe to Lord George Germain, dated New York, April 1, 1777.

THERE have not been any Occurrences since my last worthy your Lordship's Notice, excepting the Success of a Detachment of Five Hundred Men that I sent up the North River in Transports on the 22d of March, conveyed by the Brune Frigate, to destroy a considerable Deposit of Provisions and Stores, which the Enemy had made at Peek's Kill, near Fifty Miles distant from New York. Lieutenant-Colonel Bird of the 15th Regiment commanded the Party. The Rebels stationed there, retiring upon his Approach, he got easy Possession of the Post. Before their Retreat they set Fire to the principal Store houses, and thereby rendered useless the only Wharf where it was practicable to embark the remaining Stores in convenient Time, which made it expedient to destroy the greater Part. This was completely effected to the Amount specified in the inclosed Return; and the Detachment, reembarking without Interruption, returned here the 26th.

Return of Provisions, Stores, &c. (for the Use of the Rebel Army) taken and destroyed by a Detachment of the King's Troops, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Bird, of the 15th Infantry, at Peek's Kill upon the North River, the 23d and 24th of March, 1777.

Destroyed and burnt by the King's Troops: 310 Hogsheds of Rum, 150 Hogsheds of Molasses, 800 Barrels of Flour, 150 Barrels of Biscuit, 170 Barrels of Pork, 30 Barrels of Beef, 17 Barrels of Pitch and Tar, 800 Bushels of Oats, 2500 Bushels of Wheat, 800 Bushels of Buck Wheat, 12 Casks of Coffee, 9 Cafes of Chocolate, 50 Casks of Tallow, 30 Chests of Candles, 15 Barrels of Salt, 200 Iron Pots and Camp Kettles,

500 Canteens of Wood and Bowls, &c. 400 Intrenching Tools, 30 Casks of Nails, 150 Waggon and Carts with Harness, 1 Iron Twelve-Pounder on Field Carriage.

Destroyed and burnt by the Rebels: 100 Hogsheds of Rum, 500 Barrels of Flour, 500 Bundles of Straw, 1 Magazine of Hay, 2000 Bushels of Wheat, 1 Ammunition Waggon loaded.

Total: 410 Hogsheds of Rum, 150 Hogsheds of Molasses, 1300 Barrels of Flour, 150 Barrels of Biscuit, 170 Barrels of Pork, 30 Barrels of Beef, 17 Barrels of Pitch and Tar, 500 Bundles of Straw, 1 Magazine of Hay, 800 Bushels of Oats, 4500 Bushels of Wheat, 800 Bushels of Buck Wheat, 12 Casks of Coffee, 9 Cafes of Chocolate, 50 Casks of Tallow, 30 Chests of Candles, 15 Barrels of Salt, 200 Iron Pots and Camp Kettles, 500 Canteens of Wood and Bowls, &c. 400 Intrenching Tools, 30 Casks of Nails, 150 Waggon and Carts with Harness, 1 Iron Twelve-Pounder on Field Carriage, 1 Ammunition Waggon loaded.

N. B. Two Piles of Barracks for 1200 Men, and Seven Store-houses containing the above Stores, with many other Articles that cannot be justly ascertained, were burnt; also several Sloops and Pettiaugers destroyed, loaded with Provisions.

(Signed)

John Bird,

Lieutenant-Colonel 15th Regiment Foot.

Admiralty Office, May 10, 1777.

Extract of a Letter from Lord Viscount Howe, Vice-Admiral of the White, and Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels in North America, to Mr. Stephens, dated at New York, the 31st of March, 1777.

Commodore Hotham anchored the 19th of January in Chesapeake Bay, where, by his unexpected Appearance, an Opportunity offered for seizing a Ship laden with about 550 Hogsheds of Tobacco intended for Nantz. He sailed from Chesapeake Bay on the 11th of February, and, arriving off the Delaware on the 17th, was forced away from that Station by strong Northerly Winds, which prevented his Return until the 11th Instant; and an Opportunity was thereby afforded for an Armed Frigate fitted by the Rebels, with several Trading Vessels, to put to Sea from that River. The Commodore had the good Fortune to take an American Ship laden with Ammunition and Military Stores from Nantz, soon after his Return, and sent her under Convoy of the Daphne to this Port. Several other Captures have been made by the Ships of this Southern Squadron, in Number from Twenty-five to Thirty, which have been mostly sunk or otherwise destroyed. I have Reason, from different Relations, to believe, that the small Squadrons under Captain Hammond and Captain Davis have made as many more: But the Particulars not having been yet transmitted, none of these Captures are added to the General List herewith enclosed.

The General meditating an Attempt by Surprise to take or destroy a considerable Magazine which the Rebels had formed at Peek's Kill, about Fifty Miles up the North River, a Corps of Troops, commanded by



and proceeding up the North River the 22d Instant, under the Conduct of Capt. Fergusson in the Brune, with the Dependence and another Galley fitted for the Occasion; the Enemy, upon the sudden Discovery and Approach of the Armament next Day, set Fire to a Part of their Magazines and Barracks before they retreated. The Troops after they landed did the same to the rest; whereby this plentiful Deposit of Provisions, Stores, and other Necessaries of various Kinds, was totally destroyed, with no other Loss than Two Seamen, who were missing when the Troops re-embarked the succeeding Day.

The List of Vessels seized as Prizes, and of Recaptures made, by the American Squadron, between the 10th of March and 31st of December, 1776, according to the Returns received by the Vice Admiral the Viscount Howe, will be inserted in the next Gazette.

Spithead, May 9. This Morning His Majesty's Ship the Proteus, with the Royal Britain, Resolution, and Christian Transports, having on Board the Hanau Chasseurs, and the St. Andrew Ordnance Store-ship, sailed from hence for Quebec.

Guildhall, May 6, 1777.

THE Committee for Thames Navigation within the Liberties of the City of London give Notice, that they will meet on Friday the 30th of this instant May, precisely at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall of the said City, to receive Proposals from such Persons as shall be desirous to purchase Annuities for their own Lives, or the Lives of any other Person or Persons being of the Age of Forty-five Years or upwards, upon the Credit of the Tolls and Duties made payable in Pursuance of an Act of Parliament passed in the present Session, for enabling the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, to purchase the present Tolls and Duties payable for Navigating upon the River Thames Westward of London Bridge, within the Liberties of the City of London, and for laying a small Toll in lieu thereof, for the Purpose of more effectually completing the said Navigation; which Annuities will be sold to the best Bidder, Regard being had to the Age of the Nominees: And, for the Purposes aforesaid, Proposals are to be left at the Town Clerk's Office at Guildhall, on or before the said 30th of this instant May, and are to contain the Names, Additions, and Places of Abode of the Proposers and Nominees.

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N. B. By the said Act the Committee are empowered to give Ten Pounds per Cent. on Lives of Sixty Years and upwards.

LEASEHOLD ESTATES.

TO be Sold by Public Auction, by Henry Roberts, at Garraway's Coffee-house, on Thursday the 15th Instant, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, by Order of the Executors of Stephen Hodson, Gentleman, deceased, The following Lots:

Lot 1. A Leasehold Farm situate at Lolworth in the County of Cambridge, held by Lease from Clare Hall, Eight Years and an Half of which Lease were to come and unexpired at Lady-day last, now in the Occupation of Robert Cotton, at 50l. a Year, Rent renewable every Seven Years, subject to a Rent or Out-going of Eight Quarters of Malt and Twelve Bushels of Wheat, at Lady-day yearly, and 4l. 16s. 8d. in Money, at Michaelmas-day yearly.

Lot 2. A Messuage or Tenement, situate at Woolwich in the County of Kent, late in the Occupation of Elizabeth Hatchman, Widow, at the yearly Rent of 16l. but now untenanted, subject to a Ground-rent of 3l. a Year, Eight Years and an Half of which Lease were to come and unexpired at Lady-day last.

For further Particulars apply to Mr. Musgrave, Attorney, Bridge-yard, Southwark; to Henry Roberts, N^o 33, Great Macc-pond, Southwark; and at the Place of Sale.

AVERAGE PRICES of CORN,

From April 28, to May 4, 1777.

By the Standard WINCHESTER Bushel of Eight Gallons.

	Wheat.		Rye.		Barley.		Oats.		Beans.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.

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COUNTIES INLAND.

Middlesex,	5	8			2	5	2	2	3	5
Surry,	5	7	3	2	2	5	2	3	3	11
Hertford,	5	7			2	6	2	2	3	9
Bedford,	5	6	3	5	2	5	2	1	3	4
Cambridge,	5	6	3	1	2	6	1	11	2	9
Huntingdon,	5	5			2	8	1	11	3	a
Northampton,	5	10	3	1	2	6	2	1	3	7
Rutland,	5	8			2	8	2	3	3	5
Leicester,	5	11	3	3	2	6	2	2	4	0
Nottingham,	5	6	3	4	2	8	2	3	4	3
Derby,	6	1			2	9	2	5	4	4
Stafford,	6	2	3	11	3	2	2	3	4	4
Salop,	5	10	4	0	2	8	2	2	4	2
Hereford,	5	0			2	10	2	6	4	7
Worcester,	5	10			3	0	2	10	4	5
Warwick,	6	3			2	10	2	7	4	0
Gloucester,	5	8			2	5	2	1	3	5
Wilts,	5	9			2	7	2	1	3	11
Berks,	5	4			2	9	2	2	3	3
Oxford,	5	10			2	5	2	2	3	6
Bucks,	5	9			2	4	2	2	3	4

COUNTIES upon the COAST.

Essex,	5	5			2	5	2	0	3	1
Suffolk,	5	0	2	9	2	2	1	10	2	10
Norfolk,	5	3	3	4	1	10	1	11		
Lincoln,	4	11	3	5	2	3	1	10	3	4
York,	5	9	3	4	2	4	1	10	3	8
Ourham,	5	8	4	3			1	9	3	4
Northumberland,	5	0	3	4	1	11	1	6	3	3
Cumberland,	5	8	3	1	2	0	1	8	2	8
Westmorland,	6	3	3	6	2	2	1	7	3	4
Lancashire,	5	9			2	1	1	9	3	3
Cheshire,	6	1			2	9	2	2		
Monmouth,	5	10			2	2	2	3		
Somerset,	6	0	3	0	2	3	2	0	3	3
Devon,	6	1			2	5	1	6		
Cornwall,	5	10			2	6	1	5		
Dorset,	5	10			2	4	1	11	3	10
Hampshire,	5	6			3	3	1	11	3	6
Suffex,	4	11			2	3	2	1	3	4
Kent,	5	4			2	6	2	1	3	2

From April 21, to April 26, 1777.

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North Wales,	5	7	3	10	2	4	1	6	3	7
South Wales,	5	5	3	11	2	11	1	7	3	0

Part of SCOTLAND.

Wheat.	Rye.	Barley.	Oats.	Beans.	Big.
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Willm Cooke.

May 9, 1777.

THE Creditors of Richard Neave and Son, late of Mark-lane, London, Merchants and Partners, are desired to meet on Friday the 16th of May instant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning, at the King's Arms Tavern, Cornhill, on special Affairs.

THIS is to give Notice, that the Creditors of Walsingham Collins, formerly of Lad lane, London, Merchant, who executed the Deed of Trust bearing Date the 17th of April, 1767, may receive a Third and Final Dividend of his Estate and Effects, any Time after the 20th Day of May instant, at Mr. Daniell's, Fenchurch-street.

WHereas Miriam Baker, Relict of Thomas Baker, late of Malmbsury in the County of Wilts, whose Maiden Name was Pedlinham, hath by her last Will bequeathed her Estate and Effects, after certain Devises are paid, to be divided amongst her nearest Relations, who shall make out their Claim within One Year after her Decease, which happened on the 22d of February, 1777: Notice is hereby given, to apply in due Time to her Executors, T. Dewell and Henry Pocke-ridge, of Malmbsury aforesaid, to whom all Debts due to the said Miriam Baker are required to be forthwith paid, and by whom all Debts due from her will be paid: And Notice is likewise given to the Mother of Jane Pedlinham, Neice of Miriam Baker, who died suddenly Two Days before her Aunt, to apply as above. The Creditors (if any) of the said Thomas Baker are likewise desired to apply as above.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of William Powell, late of Glanareth in the County of Carmarthen, Esq; deceased, are, on or before the 7th Day of June next, to come in and prove their respective Debts before Peter Holford, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

Pursuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors and Legatees of Barbara Thomas, formerly of Brick-lane, Spitalfields, and late of Whitechapel in the County of Middlesex, Widow, deceased, are, on or before the last Day of June next, to come in and prove their Debts and claim their Legacies before John Browning, Esq; one of the Masters of the said Court, at his Chambers in Symond's-inn, Chancery-lane, London, or in Default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded the Benefit of the said Decree.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Giles Powell, of the Parish of St. George Hanover-square in the County of Middlesex, Apothecary, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on Friday the 16th Instant, at Six in the Afternoon, at Stewart's Coffee-house, Bond-street, to assent to or dissent from their commencing, prosecuting, or defending, any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity for recovering any Part of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; and to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Samuel Smith, of the Old Jewry in the City of London, Merchant, late Partner with Richard Brew, late of Anamaboe on that Part of the Coast of Africa which is commonly called the Gold Coast, Merchant, deceased, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on Thursday the 15th of May instant, precisely at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Mr. Mathews's, N^o 6, in Green Lettice-lane, Cannon-street, London, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matter or Thing relating thereto, particularly as to the Payment of the Salary and Demands of Mr. Horace Smith, and the Demands made by Captain Mackay; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Thomas Dade and David Beaty, of the Parish of St. Giles in the Fields in the County of Middlesex, Carpenters, Dealers, Chapmen, and Partners, are desired to meet the Assignees on Friday the 16th of May instant, precisely at Eight o'Clock in the Evening, at the Buffalo Tavern, Bloomsbury-square, to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees commencing, prosecuting, or defending, any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity touching the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matters in Dispute relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against William Tagart, late of the Parish of St. Mary Rotherhithe in the County of Surry, Linen-draper, Dealer and Chapman, are desired to meet the Assignees of the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects, on Monday next, at Six of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall Coffee-house, in King-street, Cheapside, London, in order to assent to or dissent from the said Assignees their commencing, prosecuting, or defending, any Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity concerning the said Bankrupt's Estate and Effects; or to their compounding, submitting to Arbitration, or otherwise agreeing, any Matters in Dispute relating thereto; and on other special Affairs.

THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued against Joseph Vaux, late of Cornhill, Haberdasher, are desired to meet the Attornies lawfully authorized and empowered by his Assignees to inspect and examine into his Affairs, at Batson's Coffee-house, Cornhill, on Wednesday next, precisely at Twelve of the Clock; when a State of the Bankrupt's Affairs, as taken from his Examination and the Proceedings under the Commission, will be prepared to lay before them. And such of the Creditors who have proved their Debts and hold Securities, are in the mean Time desired to send an Account of the real Value of such Securities to Mr. Coore, in Broad-street.

Pursuant to an Order made by the Right Honourable Henry Earl Bathurst, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, for enlarging the Time for John Henry Ernst, of Swithin's lane in the City of London, Merchant, (a Bankrupt) to surrender himself and make a full Discovery and Disclosure

of his Estate and Effects, for Forty-nine Days, to be computed from the 6th Instant; This is to give Notice, that the major Part of the Commissioners named in the said Commission intend to meet on the 24th Day of June next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; where the said Bankrupt is required to surrender himself, between the Hours of Eleven and One of the same Day, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, and finish his Examination; and the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, may then and there come and prove the same, and assent or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against William Bates, of the Strand in the Precinct of the Savoy in the County of Middlesex, Coal-merchant, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 21st of May instant at Five in the Afternoon, on the 24th of the same Month at Four in the Afternoon, and on the 21st Day of June next at Five in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Morgan, Coney-court, Gray's-inn.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against John Quick, late of High Holborn in the County of Middlesex, Linen-draper, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 17th and 27th Days of May instant, and on the 21st Day of June next, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon on each of the said Days, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees; and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination; and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Maltby, Bucklersbury, London.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Henry Pascall, late Chief Mate of the Ship Colebrooke in the East India Company's Service, but now of London, Mariner, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 17th and 24th Days of May instant, and on the 21st Day of June next, at Ten in the Forenoon on each Day, at Guildhall, London, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Pinker, Albion-place, Black-friars Bridge, or Old Lloyd's Coffee-house, Lombard-street.

Whereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Samuel Gosling, of Birmingham in the County of Warwick, Merchant, Dealer and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 23d and 24th Days of May instant at Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the Anchor Inn, at Aldridge, Staffordshire, and on the 21st Day of June next at Nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, at the House of Thomas Baylis, the Bull's Head, West-street, Warwick, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the Second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. John Mayhew, Attorney, N^o 10, Bridge-street, Black-friars, London.